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OF THE

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THE RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

APPOINTED JUNE, 1963

Middlesbrough Corporation :

Alderman T. Farthing
Alderman F. J. Longstaff, J.P.
Councillor A. T. Crosby
Councillor A. Gibson
Councillor W. J. Story
Councillor T. Williams, J.P.
Councillor A. Pearson

Billingham U.D.C. :

Councillor W. Crossley
Councillor J. V. Kane
Councillor C. Wilson

Eston U.D.C. :

Councillor P. A. Dawson
Councillor W. Herlingshaw
Councillor J. Walsh

Thornaby-on-Tees :

Councillor C. Anderton
Councillor J. White

Redcar Corporation :

Alderman S. G. Shillito
Councillor W. C. Lawrence

Stockton Corporation :

Councillor C. V. Armitage, J.P.
Councillor R. E. Creasey
Councillor Mrs. M. Scott
Councillor J. H. Cooke

Stockton R.D.C :

Councillor F. B. Battersby
Councillor G. E. Catchpole

Chairman 1962-1963
Ald. S. G. Shillito

Chairman 1963-1964 :
Councillor Mrs. M. Scott

Solicitor to the Authority :
J. H. Storey, Esq.

Clerk :
H. L. Cartwright, Esq.

Assistant to Clerk :
Mrs. J. B. Greener

SECTION I.—STAFF.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualification	Any other appointments held
Eric C. Downer Resigned 8. 10. 1963	Medical Officer of Health	19. 6. 1950	M.A., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Middlesbrough, Principal School Medical Officer.
R. Taylor	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1. 6. 1952	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health
J. E. H. Tullis	Asst. Port Medical Officer	1. 5. 1961	M.B.,Ch.B.,L.R.C.P. L.R.C.S.,L.R.F.P.&S.	Senr. Asst. M.O.H.
Janet B. Patterson	Asst. Port Medical Officer	1. 3. 1962	M.B., Ch.B.	Senr. Asst. M.O.H.
A. Nielson Jones	Chief Port Health Inspector	12. 4. 1937	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food	Food Inspector and Rodent Officer
G. A. Richards	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1. 4. 1956	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food	Deputy Food Inspector and Rodent Officer
W. B. Curry	Assistant Port Health Inspector	24. 11. 1955	2nd Mate Certificate C.R.S.I.	
T. Warwick	Rat Searcher	October 1933		
J. Glazebrook	Rat Searcher	29. 6. 1953		
J. Buckton	Launch Coxswain	August 1927		

A deck boy is also employed on the Launch.

TYPING :

Part-time clerk-typist by arrangement with Middlesbrough Corporation Health Department.

Address and Telephone Number of Medical Officer of Health :

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 26 SOUTHFIELD ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH

Telephone: 3201

RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

26, Southfield Road,
Middlesbrough.

31st January, 1964.

To The Chairman and Members of the
River Tees Port Health Authority :

Madam Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to place before you the Report for 1963, which is drawn up in accordance with the Ministry of Health's instructions.

Your Medical Officer of Health retired for health reasons early in October and we were all shocked when he died so soon afterwards. He was a familiar figure on Dock and Quayside and had a great interest in ships and in those who sailed in them.

I should like to thank the Members of the Authority for their understanding and support throughout the year and to pay my tribute to the faithful work of the Inspectorial and other staff of the Authority.

I have the honour to be,

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT TAYLOR,

Deputy Medical Officer of Health,
River Tees Port Health Authority.

SECTION II—Amount of Shipping Entering the District During the Year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Net)	Number inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By a Medical Officer of Health	By a Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports ..	1,943	3,927,127	205	1,929	5
Coastwise ..	1,205	893,464	—	1,140	—
Total	3,148	4,820,591	205	3,069	5

SECTION III—Character of Shipping and Trade During the Year.

TABLE C.

Passenger traffic	Number of passengers inwards ..	.. 1,007
	Number of passengers outwards	.. 1,234
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS —Iron ore, manganese, and chrome ore, potash, sulphur, phosphate rock, chemical manure, petrol and oils, feedstock, chemicals, timber, provisions, machinery and sundry goods.	
	Principal EXPORTS —Angles, bars, plates, rails, castings, pipes, slag, sulphate of ammonia, chemicals, pitch, oils, creosote and sundry goods.	

Principal Ports from which ships arrive—Pepel, Freetown, Takoradi, Casablanca, Puerto Ordaz, La Goulette, Bone, Oxelosund, Luleo, Narvik, Gothenberg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Aarhus, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Rouen, Ghent, Ymuiden, Wismar, and ports in India, South Africa, China, Australia and New Zealand and Eastern Mediterranean ports.

Comparative Schedule of the Classification of Vessels Clearing the River Tees for the Years Ended 31st October, 1962 and 1963.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Net Registered Tonnage	1963	1962	Increase	Decrease
Under 500 tons	2,096	1,880	216	—
500—1,000 tons	627	571	56	—
1,000—2,000 tons	113	119	—	6
2,000—3,000 tons	78	85	—	7
3,000—4,000 tons	102	108	—	6
4,000—5,000 tons	295	280	15	—
5,000—6,000 tons	124	141	—	17
6,000 tons and over	221	165	56	—
Tugs	4	7	—	3
Totals	3,660	3,356	343	39

1963—Shows an increase over 1962 of 304 ships.

Comparative Schedule of the Imports in Tons into the River Tees during the Years Ended 31st October, 1962 and 1963.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1963 Tons	1962 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
ORES :				
Iron, etc.	1,910,021	1,789,700	120,321	—
Manganese	71,159	45,655	25,504	—
Chrome	31,135	15,907	15,228	—
Total Ores	2,012,315	1,851,262	161,053	—
IRON & STEEL :				
Pig Iron	19,703	10,284	9,419	—
Angles, Bars & Plates	3,089	262	2,827	—
Scrap	—	13,533	—	13,533
Machinery	960	1,816	—	856
Total Iron & Steel ..	23,752	25,895	12,246	14,389
Coal	3	—	3	—
Loam, etc.	11,984	7,575	4,409	—
Chemical Manures ..	122,321	136,180	—	13,859
Creosote	—	2,795	—	2,795
Feedstock, etc.	985,732	772,888	212,844	—
Petrol, Oils, Etc.	1,100,018	728,856	371,162	—
Provisions	19,422	11,409	8,013	—
Wood	5,140	6,037	—	897
Magnesite	1,021	1,037	—	16
Chemicals	24,641	22,551	2,090	—
Bags..	3,152	3,397	—	245
Phosphate Rock	178,200	178,285	—	85
Sulphur	57,266	48,733	8,533	—
Sundry Goods	22,998	16,344	6,654	—
Totals	4,567,965	3,813,244	787,007	32,286

1963—Increase over 1962 of 754,721 tons.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE EXPORTS IN TONS FROM THE RIVER TEES DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1962 and 1963.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1963 Tons	1962 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
IRON & STEEL :				
Pig Iron	1,265	32012	—	30,747
Angles, Bars & Joists	62,722	148,666	—	85,944
Plates	115,187	150,351	—	35,164
Sheets, Black & Galvanised	2,781	2,132	649	—
Constructional— Beams, Girders, etc.	139,108	70,438	68,670	—
Castings & Forgings	2,791	950	1,841	—
Rails	32,745	51,584	—	18,839
Manufactured Steel-work	18,402	17,790	612	—
Machinery	15,552	22,535	—	6,983
Pipes & Tubes ..	57,459	55,056	2,403	—
Motor Cars & Vehicles	3,089	1,484	1,605	—
Scrap	15,199	74,013	—	58,814
Total Iron & Steel ..	466,300	627,011	75,780	236,491
Coal	18	8	10	—
Coke	8,366	1,734	6,632	—
Salt	2,275	1,884	391	—
Sulphate of Ammonia ..	409,738	332,886	76,852	—
Chemicals	123,733	125,651	—	1,918
Pitch and Tar	75,444	56,987	18,457	—
Creosote	16,866	14,080	2,786	—
Gas Oil	37,617	1,211	36,406	—
Marine Fuel	49,978	3,105	46,873	—
Petrol and Benzole ..	64,214	64,385	—	171
Sundry Spirits	4,058	—	4,058	—
Liquified Petroleum Gas ..	11,079	—	11,079	—
Slag—Rough	609,001	495,028	113,973	—
Glass & Earthenware ..	304	140	164	—
Paint	1,461	1,287	174	—
Sundries	57,295	30,349	26,946	—
Totals	1,937,747	1,755,746	420,581	238,580

1963—Increase over 1962 of 182,001 tons.

TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1963.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

SHIP CLEARANCES—3,660.

Ship Clearances during the year ended 31st October, 1963 totalled 3,660 an increase of 304 on the comparable period for 1962.

NET REGISTERED TONNAGE—5,404,543 N.R. TONS.

The Net Registered Tonnage of vessels which cleared the Ports of the Tees during 1963 totalled 5,404,543 N.R. Tons, an increase of 473,745 N.R. Tons on the comparable period for 1962.

IMPORTS—4,567,965 TONS.

The total volume of Imports to the Tees during 1963 amounted to 4,567,965 tons, an increase of 754,721 tons on the comparable period for 1962. Principal increases were in the importations of Ores, Petrol and Oils.

EXPORTS—1,937,747 TONS.

The total volume of Exports from the Tees during 1963 amounted to 1,937,747 tons, an increase of 182,001 tons over the comparable period for 1962, due mainly to increased exports of Sulphate of Ammonia, Slag, Petrol and Oils.

The total volume of Imports and Exports to and from the Ports of the Tees during 1963 amounted to 6,505,712 tons. The comparable figure for 1962 was 5,568,990 tons.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF SHIPPING FIGURES FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER.

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1939	1938
Ship Clearances	3,660 N.R. Tons	3,356 N.R. Tons	3,732 N.R. Tons	4,070 N.R. Tons	3,771 N.R. Tons	4,029 N.R. Tons
Net Registered Tonnage	5,404,543 Tons	4,930,798 Tons	5,770,076 Tons	6,211,263 Tons	3,530,505 Tons	3,895,043 Tons
Imports ..	4,567,965	3,813,244	5,421,351	6,204,605	2,182,046	2,589,586
Exports ..	1,937,747	1,755,746	1,549,153	1,536,418	1,849,864	2,015,412
Revenue (in £'s approx.)	790,751	546,003	621,641	658,443	128,210	139,539

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF SHIP CLEARANCES FOR THE RIVER TEES DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1962 and 1963.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

	1963		1962		Increase		Decrease	
	No. of Vessels	Net Reg. Tonnage	No. of Vessels	Net Reg. Tonnage	No. of Vessels	Net Reg. Tonnage	No. of Vessels	Net Reg. Tonnage
INWARDS :								
Coastwise	364	447,027	377	468,786	..	..	13	21,759
Europe	657	890,148	578	711,635	79	178,513	..	..
Beyond Europe	260	1,276,995	227	1,027,845	33	249,150	..	..
OUTWARDS								
Coastwise	765	356,807	728	281,927	37	74,880	..	..
Europe	1,016	376,133	932	357,330	84	18,803	..	..
Beyond Europe	406	1,801,288	419	1,885,567	..	..	13	84,279
Vessels IN & OUT Light ..	173	202,774	67	137,378	106	65,396	..	..
New Vessels OUT Light ..	8	50,404	9	58,233	..	..	1	7,829
Vessels in for Refuge	7	2,967	12	2,097	..	870	5	..
	3,656	5,404,543	3,349	4,930,798	339	587,612	32	113,867
Steam Tugs Towing and/or .. with passengers	4	..	7	..	..	..	3	..
Totals	3,660	5,404,543	3,356	4,930,798	339	587,612	35	113,867

1963 Ship Clearances .. .. .. Increase over 1962 of 304 ships.

Net Registered Tonnage .. Increase over 1962 of 473,745 N.R. Tons.

SECTION IV—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no barge traffic in the River Tees.

SECTION V.—WATER SUPPLY.

Twenty-two water samples were taken from the water boat, vessels and hydrants during the year.

SECTION VI.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

No Change.

SECTION VII—SMALLPOX.

No Change

SECTION VIII—VENEREAL DISEASE.

No Change.

MERCHANT SEAMEN TREATED AT THE SPECIAL TREATMENT CENTRE, MIDDLESBROUGH GENERAL HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR, 1963.

(Kindly supplied by the Consultant in charge).

During the year 1963 the number of seamen receiving treatment or investigation for venereal diseases at this clinic showed little change from the previous year. The total number (190) are subdivided as follows:—

British Seamen	87
Commonwealth Seamen ..	31
Foreign Seamen	72

Of the above number 165 cases were of recent exposure to possible infection and received initial investigation and treatment at this clinic. The number attending have been classified by country, and in cases of fresh infection by disease as follows:—

Country	Total No. attending	Fresh Infections :		
		Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Others
British Seamen	87	—	12	59
British Commonwealth:				
Aden	2	—	2	—
Australia	1	—	—	1
Br. Guiana	2	—	2	—
Hong Kong	5	—	2	3
India	7	—	2	5
Sierra Leone	1	—	1	—
Somaliland	7	—	5	2
West Africa	1	—	1	—
West Indies	5	—	3	2
Total	31	—	18	13
Foreign Seamen :				
Argentine	1	—	—	1
Belgium	4	—	—	4
Denmark	2	—	1	1
Eire	1	—	—	1
Estonia	2	—	—	2
Finland	2	—	1	1
Germany	14	—	2	6
Greece	10	—	2	6
Holland	8	—	2	6
Hungary	1	—	—	1
Italy	1	1	—	—
Norway	5	—	2	3
Poland	1	1	—	—
Portugal	1	—	1	—
South Africa	1	—	—	1
Spain	5	—	—	5
Sweden	9	—	3	5
Switzerland	1	1	—	—
Yugoslavia	3	—	1	2
Total	72	3	15	45

SECTION IX. TABLE D.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Influenza	—	1	1
	Dysentery	—	1	1
	Pneumonia	—	1	1
	Infective Hepatitis	—	1	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	Tuberculosis	—	1	1
Cases landed from other ships	Influenza	—	1	1
	Pneumonia	—	1	1

SECTION X—OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA ON SHIPS.

There were not any cases of Malarial fever occurring on ships during the year.

SECTION XI.—MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

There have not been any vessels arriving in the Port infected with or suspected for plague during the year.

SECTION XII.—MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

No Change.

TABLE E.

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Category	Number
Black rats	58
Brown rats	Nil
Sent for examination ..	5
Infected with Plague ..	Nil

In addition, 40 brown rats were caught and destroyed on wharves.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued During the Year.

No. of Deratting Certificates Issued:					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
HCN 1	Other fumigants 2	3	4	5	6	7
4	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	182	186

SECTION XIII.—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

INSPECTION AND NOTICES.

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign going vessels	1,929	—	28	27 Remedied
Coastwise	1,140	—	8	6 Remedied
Total ..	3,069	—	36	33 Remedied

GENERAL SANITARY SUPERVISION.

During the year 36 informal Notices, dealing with the undermentioned nuisances were served :—

Cockroach infestation	6
Choked scuppers	5
Cracked port glasses	4
Emission of dark smoke	4
Defective hot water cylinder and taps	3
Defective flush pipes and valves ..	3
Defective fresh water pipes	2
Defective waste pipes	2
Defective water service pipes.. ..	2
Dirty galley paintwork	1
Rodent infestation	1
Choked sink waste pipe	1
Fresh water tank to cleanse and enamel wash	1
Crew's quarters requiring painting ..	1
Total ..	36

SECTION XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

No Change.

SECTION XV—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

1. List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment :
   Dr. Eric C. Downer, Medical Officer of Health (deceased).
   Dr. R. Taylor, Deputy Medical Officer of Health.
   Dr. J. E. H. Tullis, Senior Assistant Medical Officer of Health.
   Dr. Janet B. Patterson do.

2. List of other staff engaged in the work—None.

3. Organisation of Work :
   The Port Medical Officer is notified of all alien passengers, including stowaways arriving in the Port and arrangements are made for a medical officer to examine them on board before they are allowed to disembark.

4. Nature and amount of aliens traffic :
   The majority of alien passengers arriving in the Port are pleasure visitors to this Country, chiefly from the Scandinavian countries. Stowaways occasionally arrive from West African ports.

   The total number of alien passengers arriving in the Port during the year was 507.

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination :
   Aliens are generally examined on board, but accommodation is available at the Health Department, 26, Southfield Road, if it should be required.

COMMONWEALTH PASSENGERS ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE PORT DURING THE PERIOD 1st JULY, to 31st DECEMBER, 1963.

Arriving at the Port	10
Departures	5

SECTION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease :

No Change.

Return of Cases of Sickness or Injury Found on Vessels Entering the Port.

Venereal Disease	4
Influenza	2
Appendicitis	2
Pneumonia	2
Bronchitis	2
Peptic Ulcer	2
Heart Attack	1
Dysentery	1
Retention of Urine	1
Pyrexia of unknown origin	1
Nervous disorder	1
Back injury	1
Osteoarthritis	1
Abdominal pain	1
Hepatitis	1
Leg Injury	1
Crushed foot	1
Total ..	25

CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY ON BOARD VESSELS REPORTED OR DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.

Date		Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	No.of Cases	Remarks
January	17	Anna Broese	Rotterdam	P.U.O.	1	Admitted West Lane H.
	31	Snefjeld	Hartlepool	V.D.	1	Admitted West Lane H.
February	11	Arvidsjaur	Oxelosund	V.D.	1	Referred to Clinic.
	11	,,	,,	Influenza	1	Treated on Board.
	20	Anni Liebisch	Ipswich	V.D.	1	Referred to Clinic.
	20	Arjeplog	Oxelosund	Heart Attack	1	Admitted to Carter Bequest Hospital.
March	1	Trajan	Durban	Retention of Urine	1	Admitted General H.
	5	Hera	Valsen	Dysentery	1	Admitted West Lane H.
	7	Rigmor Nielsen	Granton	Nervous Complaint	1	Treated on Board.
	25	Trude K.	London	Appendicitis	1	Treated on Board.
April	4	Eskimo	London	Pneumonia	1	Treated on Board.
June	10	City of Swansea	Dunkirk	Pneumonia	1	Admitted West Lane H.
	17	Sir T. Dickson	Oil exploration	Back injuries	1	Admitted General H.
	22	Almurtaza	London	Osteoarthritis	1	Treated on Board.
July	4	Sorlandet	Christiansund	Bronchitis	3	Treated on Board.
	5	Bengloe	London	Abdominal pains	1	Admitted North Ormesby Hospital.
August	12	Manipur	Hull	Influenza	1	Admitted West Lane H.
	20	Clyde Crusader	Rotterdam	Bronchitis	1	Treated on Board.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	No.of Cases	Remarks
September 4	Ratna Chandra Lekke	Tyne	High temperature	1	Treated on Board.
4	Ben Loyal	London	Appendicitis	1	Admitted Eston H.
October 10	Chinkoa	Antwerp	Hepatitis	1	Admitted West Lane H.
November25	Port Chalmers	Belfast	Leg injury	1	Admitted General H.
27	Trevalgan	Grangemouth	Crushed foot	1	Admitted Eston H.
December 3	Nuddea	Dundee	Peptic ulcer	1	Admitted to North Ormesby Hospital.
9	Mahronda	Hamburg	T.B.	1	Landed at London
30	British Viscount	Alexandria	Stomach ulcer	1	Admitted North Ormesby Hospital.
30	Skern	Grangemouth	V.D.	1	Referred to Clinic.

INFLUENZA.

M/V "Arvidssaur" arrived at the Port on February 11th from Oxelosund. One of the crew was found to be suffering from influenza and was medically attended on board.

S/S "Manipur" arrived at the Port on August 12th from Hull. One of the crew was suffering from influenza and was removed to West Lane Hospital.

DYSENTERY.

S/S "Hera" arrived at the Port from Valsen on March 5th. One of the crew was removed to West Lane Hospital suffering from dysentery.

PNEUMONIA.

M/V "Eskimo" arrived at the Port on April 4th from London. One of the crew was medically attended on board for pneumonia.

M/V "City of Swansea" arrived at the Port on June 10th from Dunkirk. One of the crew suffering from pneumonia was admitted to West Lane Hospital.

INFECTIVE HEPATITIS.

M/V "Chinkoa" arrived at the Port on October 10th from Antwerp. One of the crew found to be suffering from hepatitis was removed to West Lane Hospital.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

S/S "Mahronda" arrived at the Port on December 9th from Hamburg. One of the crew had been landed at London, suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

VESSELS TREATED FOR VERMIN INFESTATION

Jan.	21	S/S "Albistan"	Holds fumigated with HCN.
Feb.	12	S/S "Elizabeth Holt"	Holds and accommodation fumigated with HCN.
Feb.	28	S/S "Benmacdhui"	do.
April	17	S/S "Bassano"	do.
May	1	M/V "Chakdara"	Accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
Sept.	13	M/V "Ardenode"	Crew's accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
Oct.	2	M/V "Rotherwick Castle"	Storeroom, pantry and galley sprayed with insecticide.
Oct.	4	S/S "Potosi"	Accommodation fumigated with HCN.

NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Dutch	598	Lebanese	8
German	274	Belgian	8
Norwegian	195	Spanish	7
Danish	191	Italian	6
Swedish	116	Pakistanian	4
Panamanian	26	Nigerian	3
Liberian	25	Canadian	2
U.S.A.	25	Icelandic	2
Finnish	22	Roumanian	1
Indian	18	Argentine	1
French	15	Turkish	1
Polish	12	Egyptian	1
Jugoslavian	11	Bahamaian	1
Greek	10	Eirean	1
U.S.S.R.	10	Israelian	1
		Total	1,595

LAUNCH "MERCIE II"

The Motor Launch "Mercie II" continues to give satisfactory service. The usual annual overhaul was carried out in the Spring of the year and no major repairs were found necessary.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Consignments of imported food have been systematically examined during the year. These consisted of: Canned pineapple, soya flour, desiccated coconut, Vienna sausage, luncheon meat, ham, tongue, chicken, duck, chopped pork and ham, onion, tomatoes, peas, cauliflower, sprouts, lettuce, carrots, cucumber, potatoes, oranges, canned blackberries, tapioca, cheese, butter, canned milk, salmon, wine, tea, soya beans, dried fish and fruit pulp.

During the year 114 samples of desiccated coconut were taken from 15 cargoes or parcels. None of these were salmonella contaminated. Two bags of sweepings were condemned and destroyed.

It has been found that there has been a big improvement in the condition of desiccated coconut imported during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT, 1949.

No rodent control certificates were issued during the year. With one or two exceptions all coasting vessels arriving in the Port were in possession of international deratting or deratting exemption certificates.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations, 1958

During the year there were only four instances of vessels emitting dark smoke during their stay in the Port and in each case the nuisance was quickly abated after a warning notice had been given.

Some trouble has been experienced from local river craft and in several instances warning notices were given.

The amount of shipping entering the Port during the year showed a slight improvement over the previous year: 3,148 ships against 2,878 in 1962. A comparison with the year 1938 is given below :—

Arrivals			Net Tons
1938	..	3,174	3,029,761
1963	..	3,148	4,820,591